LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Joilers on a Mississippi Boat Ex-

SHE SANK IN LESS THAN A MINUTE

Three Persons Dead and Eight More Missing.

SURVIVORS PICKED UP

VICKSBURG, Miss., May 11.-The large tow boat, Harry Brown, upbound, exploded | trict government will lose the services of her boilers twenty-five miles below this city at 11:30 last night; she was a complete wreck, and in less than a minute sank out

The tow boat Wash Ponshell brought bodies and survivors to this city, arriving

at 6 o'clock. Capt. John Kain, master; Dennis J. Lomey, second engineer, and Dan Kaln, pilot, who were injured, are in the hospital here. Pat Norman, Derby Fitsmorris, first mate, and First Engineer Wm. Dougherty, were lost The latter's body was recovered.

The Brown was bound up with a tow of empties. When the explosion occurred she broke in two. Of her crew three are here dead, eight are missing and the captain and four others are here bodly injured.

The Ponshell picked up and landed the survivors. Many were slightly hurt. The chief engineer and head pilot are missing. PITTSBURG, Pa., May 11.—The Harry Brown was owned by W. H. Brown & Co., the extensive coal operators of this city, and was one of the largest tow boats in the country. It was valued at \$50,000, and was

The Asociated Press dispatch from Vickburg was the first intelligence Capt. Sam Brown had of the explosion. A short time later he received a telegram stating that the explosion had completely destroyed the boat killing three men instantly and injuring a number of others. Several of the crew were missing. He said the Brown had a crew of twen-

ty-eight persons as follows: Captain, John Keim, Pittsburg; Engineer, W. Dougherty, Pittsburg; second en-gineer, Dennis Storey, Cairo; mate, "Dad" Fitzmoore, Louisville; steward Frank Adrian, Cincinnati; pilots, Norman Dravo, Pittsburg; Daniel Kaine, Louisville; firemen, Patrick Kaneff, John Joyce, James Sheehan, Thomas Judd, all of Pittsburg. There were also on board two cabin boys and a chambermald from Pittsburg; four firemen and a number of roustabouts, whose names are unknown.

QUESTION OF VALUE.

The Government Said to Be Selling a Lot for Less Tan Its Worth.

On motion of Mr. Cullom, the Senate today considered the bill authorizing the sale of the title of the United States in lot 5, square 1113, in this city, to Frank D. Orme, on payment of a consideration of \$1,000. Mr. Allen asked for an explanation, and Mr. Faulkner said that probably the title to this lot had passed from the United States in 1842, but that there was some question as to the exact ownership, and this bill was necessary to clear the title.

Mr. Allen said he thought no title belong-ing to the United States should be sold except at full value, and he urged that this value should not be computed on the basis of the real estate market in 1842, but should represent that of today. Mr. Faulkner read a letter from District Attorney Birney on the subject, but he failed to satisfy Mr. Allen's scruples, and on his objection the bill

GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S EXCURSION. A Study in the Field of Monticello and

The famous yearly field day excursion of the National Geographic Society occurs this season next Saturday, May 16, and Charlottesville, Va., and Monticello, the home of Jefferson, are the objective points of visitation and study. An incident of the day also will be a brief call at the University of Virginia.

Charlottesville.

A special train on the Southern railway will leave the Pennsylvania station at 9 a.m., stopping three minutes at Montpelier station for a distant view of "Montpelier," the home of Madison, and reaching Charlottesville at noon. The literary exercises will take place at Monticello, where Mr. Gardiner Hubbard, president of the society, will call the society to order at 1:45 p.m. An address of welcome will be made by Mayor Patton of Charlottesville, to which President Hubbard will respond. Dr. Randolph, rector of the University of Virginia, will speak. There will also be an address by Postmaster General Wilson on "Jeffer-son at Hame;" by Prof. McGee, on "Physiby Prof. Goode, on "Old Albemarle in the Revolutionary Period;" by Prof. Thornton, on "Spottiswood's Journey Across the Blue

After the speeches the party will leave Monticello at 3 p.m.; arrive University of Virginia at 4 p.m.; take dinner at Union station at 4:30 to 5:45 p.m; leave Charlottesville for Washington at 6 p.m., and arrive in Washington at 9 p.m. The society has extended a cordial invi-

tation to the members of the scientific societies represented in the joint commission of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and of the Cothe American Revolution, and of the Co-lumbia Histerical Scciety, to join in the excursion on the same terms as members of the Geographic Society. The itinerary schedule prepared by Lieut, Hayden, sec-retary of the society, presents a fine topo-graphical map of the Charlottesville region and full particulars of the journey, with also outs a charlot of interestical bialso quite a chapter of interesting his-torical data of the section. These programs can be obtained from Mr. Hayden, and the Daughters of the American Revo-lution will find them at their headquarters in the Loan and Trust Company's building.

Historic Property.

As the result of an amicable suit for partition, there will be a trustees' sale here this afternoon of a valuable piece of real estate, which has never yet been out of the postession of the original proprietor, Anthony Holmead, or his descendants. The property, containing about 418,000 square feet, or nearly ten acres, is situated on Kılorama Heights between Massachusetts and Connecticut avenues, having a front-age of about fifty feet on Florida avenue. It originally belonged to Anthony Holmead, one of the original proprietors of land out of which the District was-formed, and it has never left the family, having been in herited by Sophia S. Koll, a daughter of his, the heirs of whom petitioned for its sale and partition. The sale will be held at 4:30 this afternoon by Trustees Richard E. Pairo, a grandson of the original proprietor and Leo Stomore the original proprietor, and Leo Simmons.

LONDON, May 11 .- J. J. O'Kelly, Parnellite, member of parliament for North Rose common, asked the government in the house of commons today if representations had been made to Spain in order to obtain a commutation of the sentence of death imposed upon Gildea, described as a British subject, one of the men captured on board the American filibustering schooner Competitor, off the coast of Cuba. Mr. Curzon, parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, said the matter had raised important questions of policy and in ternational law, and he asked Mr. O'Kelly to repeat his question tomorrow.

The President's Callers. There were about a hundred persons mostly of the fair sex, at the President's reception in the east room this afternoon

These receptions are held every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 1:15 o'clock. Naval Movements.

Essex, at Southampton, this morning.

The Olympia, Detroit and Machias arrived

at Cheefoo this morning. The training ship

No Thought Given to a Selection of His

Not Believed at the War Department

Successor Here.

That Four Engineer Officers

As predicted in Saturday's Star, Capt.

Gustav J. Flebeger, assistant to the Engl-

neer Commissioner of the District of Co-

lumbia, has been nominated by the Presi-

dent to the more exalted and better paying

is no doubt of his confirmation, and in that

event the corps of engineers and the Dis-

a valuable officer.
In his new office Capt. Fiebeger will have

the rank and pay of a lieutenant colonel for ten years, after which he will become a full colonel for life, with a pleasant resi-

Question of His Successor Here.

trict government has not even been con-

sidered at the War Department, so that it

is useless to speculate on the subject. It

is more than probable that the office will

remain unfilled, and that Engineer Commis-

siener Powell will be limited to two en-gileer assistants in the future.

There were never more than two assist-

ants up to two years ago, when Capt. Beach was ordered here to assist in the extra work

connected with the construction of the big

No Need of Four Officers.

It is said at the War Department that

there is apparently no longer any special

necessity for four engineer officers under

the District government, and that the duties

devolving upon them will probably hereafter

devolve entirely upon Major Powell and his

two remaining assistants, Captains Burr

The present Congress has provided

great amount of extra work for the engineer corps of the army in the matter of

fortifications and river and harbor work

tremely improbable that any officer of the

corps can be spared for any detached ser-

vice, no matter how important it may ap-

MR. CLEVELAND AND CUBA.

The President Expected Soon to De-

clare His Position.

About Congress there is a general, though

vague, expectation that the President is

going to take more definite action with re-

lation to Cuba. The rumors of a message

or proclamation on the subject which have

from time to time started were active this

during the next fiscal year, and it is

pear from a local standpoint.

The question of his successor in the Dis-

dence at West Point.

intercepting sewer.

Are Needed.

How the Claims for Injuries Were Investigated.

office of professor of military and civil engineering at the Military Academy. There

> people and more or less seriously injuring upward of a hundred others, all employes of the secord and pension division of the War Department. Last year Congress paid \$105,000 to the heirs of twenty-one of the victims, who had lost their lives either immediately or directly as the result of the fall of the historic old structure. Today Senator Faulkner presented to the Senate from the joint commission on that disaster the final report, accompanied by a bill providing for the payment of all remaining claims, and also an amendment to the deficiency appropriation bill for the same purpose. It is expected that the amendment will be adopted, and if this is

Amount Awarded. The lump sum appropriated for the claims for injuries is \$144,800, and is divided as follows: Thomas D. Anderson..... Frederick Achenbach 1,500 John Baker 1,000 Winfred Beck..... L. B. Powman..... S. Baker..... George J. Drew.....

morning and do not appear to be dependent entirely on the Competitor incident. The reference of the case of the condemned prisoners of the Competitor to the Madrid authorities is expected to result in saving the lives of the Americans.

The announcement made formally to the newspapers this morning by Secretary Ol-ney that at the request of the United States the Spanish government had ordered a stay of execution until this government could present the case under the treaty, is Wm. Jones... regarded as practically insuring the relief of the Americans from the death penalty. The opinion is briefly expressed by the best authorities on international matters that war would surely result from the execution of Milton if the circumstances are as they appear.

Measure.

A hearing on the Tawney bill for the retirement of government clerks was to have been given by the civil service reform committ. of the House today, but the sickness and absence of several members of the com-

Chas. S. McLaughlin Joseph Trainor of the sixth auditor's office appeared to oppose the measure. The talked on the subject with Mr. Tawne They for a little while, but no hearing was had

The Commissioners' Labor Bill. Millan, reported favorably Senate bill 3008, authorizing the employment of day labor in the construction of certain municipal buildings and works in the District of Co-

Request of the Committee. The committee in charge of the exercises attending the unveiling of the Hancock statue request that persons entitled to admission to the grand stand take their seats before the arrival of the military proceswhich is expected to reach the statue at 2:45 o'clock. An acquiescence in this

Yachting on the Lakes.

TOLEDO, Ohio, May 11.-Toledo has been selected as the point for the international yacht race between the Lake Michigan Yachting Club of Chicago and the Royal Canadian Club of Toronto. The championship will go to the winner of three in five races, to be sailed August 24 and succeedraces, to be saled August 24 and succeeding days. The city of Toledo puts up \$1,500 in gold for the winner. The event excites great interest here, and Toledo will hold high festival on the occasion, which will attract yachting men from all over North

Greater New York Bill Signed.

Schoolship Essex in Port. SOUTHAMPTON, England, May 11.-The

United States schoolship Essex arrived

here today and exchanged salures with the

From the Indianapolis News. Neither time nor space is left to tell of the great German railway to Valencia, a feat of engineering and wild scenic grandeur unequaled; running, not through mountain, as with us, but along with them, as if to give you every possible vista of gorge, valley, precipice and waterfall, often passing in descent the same blood-curdling abyss again and again. Ge over it from Caracas, not toward Caracas, if you would avoid discom-fort, and pass through its hundred tunnels and over its two hundred bridges without being choked by smoke. In view of the startling rise in values along this railway. from \$50, two years ago, paid for an entire valley, now worth \$100,000 in acreage of sugar and coffee, with no acres for sale, net-

the time three crops a year. Nor can I tell of the great feat of these Yankee German railroad builders in throwing a cable across an entire valley, from mountain to mountain, miles long, to swing across material, that railroad building might proceed from three points at once, and b finished ahead of time, instead of, as usual

Resourceful Children. From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

indications whether he is to be a person with resources or without them. "What shall I do next?" is a question familiar to mothers from small boys and girls, who look de-spairingly around their store of toys and games, all of which have lost their power to interest and amuse. The child who knows what to do next, and who is not dependent on mother or nurse for continual suggestion and stimulant, is the child who will probably carry through life a certain power of enter-taining and pleasing himself—a power well worth having, well worth cultivating.

Completes Its Labors.

FULL LIST OF THE AWARDS MADE

SENATORFAULKNER'S REPORT

Very nearly three years ago, June 9, 1893, the old Ford Theater building on 10th street collapsed, killing over twenty done the payments will be made immediate-

P. G. Clark. 700 J. F. Bixler 3,000 F. J. Calvert. 4,500
Edw. C. Carroll 300
John F. Dunten 250
George W. Davis 2,500
George I. Drow 450 Silas J. Dewey 700 Horace V. Easterling 2,500

Richard H. Gilliam..... Thos. J. Griffith..... Geo. G. Garnett..... Wm. S. Gustin.....

450

150

4,000

Jas. A. Howard...... 4,000 Milford M. Jarvis..... Wellington Kregler..... Chas. A. Krause..... Wm. B. King.... Lucas..... Wm. W. Lecture.....

Theo.

Chas. R. Miller...
C. E. McLaughlin.
John A. Miller...
Frank J. Metcalf.

Wm. T. Richardson...... 2,700

Lloyd J. Smith...... 5,000

H. M. Shannon. 500 Robert A. Smith. 1,200 Chas. D. Shadbolt. 3,300

 Jas. L. Taylor.
 500

 H. C. Thomas.
 1,600

 Francis W. Test.
 2,500

 Smith Thompson.
 2,000

 Wilson H. Thompson.
 1,500

W. Valentine....

In addition to these amount, three death

claims are included, at \$5,000 each, making

\$15,000 in all, and bringing the grand total

of the appropriation up to \$159,800. These

sums for deaths are to be paid as follows:

To Nina A. Kime, sole legatee of Arthur

Should any of the persons named die be-fore payment to the parties specified in

the bill and amendment the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to pay the amounts

allowed to the personal representatives of the persons so dying. He is also directed before paving over to the parties entitled

to it the money allowed under the act to require them, in consideration of the amount allowed, to release, discharge and

free the United States from all claim, de-

received or losses sustained in the disaster.

The Commission's Report.

The report presented with the bill cites

the law creating the joint commission, and

after noting the appointment of Senators

Harris, Faulkner, White, McMillan and

Manderson, and Representatives Maddox,

Brookshire, Piggott, Daniels and Upde-

graff, continues: "The commission so appointed have from time to time since the appointment carefully investigated the Ford

Theater disaster and unanimously reached the conclusion that by reason of the fact that in the contract for removing the un-

derpinning of said building no provision whatever for shoring up the building dur-

ing the excavation was made, and the fact that no provision was made for expert

containing about 500 government clerks, that in equity and justice the government

should compensate the sufferers in that disaster for the injuries sustained by them.

The commission have also, after reaching

this conclusion, investigated each individual

which seemed material to the smallest

compass. These abstracts in alphabetical

order are appended to this report, and the commission find that in equity and justice

ined by the commission, and the commis

The survivors of the fall of the building

the government should appropriate

"The commission has taken evidence in

superintendence, the building at that tim

mand or damage by reason of any injuries

Three Death Claims.

George W. Smoot.....

John H. Thomas.....

Jas. W. Webb....

H. P. Willey....

NO TAWNEY BILL HEARING.

Two Clerks on Hand to Oppose the

mittee prevented. •
Mr. Tawney was the only member of the Mr. Tawney expressed regret that their arguments could not be heard.

Senator Gallinger today, for Senator Me-

request will prevent confusion.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 11.-Governor Morton signed the Greater New York bill today.

To Sell the Force Building.

The Senate this afternoon passed the joint resolution introduced by Mr. Lodge J. Kime, \$5,000; to Mrs. Georgie R. Baidwin, sole legatee of David Henry Porter Brown, \$5,000, and to Julia Muller, sole legatee of Wn. Schreiber, \$5,000. directing the Commissioners of the District to sell the property now occupied by the Force public school, on Massachusetts aveproceed to secure another site for the public schools now located in that building.

ships and forts. The schoolship will remain here for a fortnight. Rallroading in Venezuela.

ting 19 per cent on \$100,000, and bearing all

behind time.

Very early in life the child shows by man respective sums set opposite the name as a compensation for the injuries sustained by them in the disaster. During the present Congress three additional death claims have been made, which have been examined by the compensation of the sum of of the su sion find that in equity and justice the gov-ernment should make compensation in

CAPT. FIEBEGER'S PLACE A FINAL REPORT

Thus the injury allowances reported to-day average \$1,379, running from one at \$50 to one at \$5,000, the latter figure having Ford's Theater Disaster Commission SIX SCHOLARSHIPS

Another Evidence of the Generosity of the Columbian University.

> College Doors' Thrown Open to Qualifled High School Students of Both Sexes.

> The ambitious students who compose the graduating classes in the Washington High Schools are looking forward with eager interest to the approaching examinations for the six scholarships in the Columbian College which are to be awarded this and each succeeding year to the members of those classes and will be divided among those classes in proportion to the number of pupils in attendance on each. Three scholarships will be awarded to male and three to female students, and the awards will be based on competitive examination. In no case, however, will a scholarship be awarded to a candidate whose examination average is below 80 per cent. The scholarship will be open only to such students as shall, upon entering the Co-lumbian College, pursue the full course, classical or scientific, which takes four

The candidates this year will be examined at the university building May 28 and 29. The schedule for the examinations will be as follows:
May 28, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., English; 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 m., Latin, trigonometry; 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., Greek, solid geometry; 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., French, chemistry.

May 29-9:00 to 10:30 a.m., German; 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 m., physics; 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., algebra; 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., plane geometry. The division of the scholarships among the various high schools will not deprive any of them of scholarships. The Central High School by reason of its greater num-ber of scholars and its higher curriculum will probably secure the majority of the scholarships, but even if but one scholar enters from each of the others and passes above 80° per cent, each will receive a scholarship. The granting of the scholar-ships, which are in addition to the Kendall scholarship, means that the Columbian University properes to encourage Washington youth in the public schools by giving a way thirty years of tuition each year, the six High School scholarships repre-senting twenty-four years, while the Kendall is for six years.

FOR THE KREGLO FAMILY.

to Be Received.

Subscriptions for Its Benefit Continue The tickets for the Kreglo benefit, which is to take place at Allen's Grand Opera House next Saturday, are being sold right and left, and whenever a ticket has been 1,500 presented it has generally been followed by a settlement in cold, hard cash for the relief of the unfortunate family. Mr. Allen donated the use of his theater when the benefit was first thought of, and Mr. Harry Park and Mr. Byron S. Adams signified their willingness to do the printing. The talent who will participate are capable of giving a concert that would draw a crowd even though it were not for the object in hand, and there is every indication that the people of Washington will respond just as nobly to this as they have done in the past to every other charity that has come to their attention. Those who will take part in the evening's entertainment are Prof. Rhodes, violinist; Miss Gertrude Ravenburg, pianist; the Madrid Mandolin and Guitar Quartet, Harry Parks, the ht-cyclist; Miss Rhodes, elocutionist, and others, whose names are well known to every

resident of Washington. Subscriptions at The Star Office. The following subscriptions for the benefit of the Kreglo family have 500 ceived at The Star office:

B. J. O'Driscoll	Heretofore acknowledged
John O'Neill 500	J. S. Davis
Chas. R. Owen 400	T. R. Davis
Polk K. Pennington 500	Cash
	Sympathy 1.
C. M. Punteney 100	K 10.
Chas. L. Patten 700	[] [] [[] [[] [[] [[] [[] [[] [[] [[] [
R. M. Patrick	(Tiggra
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Cassius C. Parker	Nauck & Nauck
Morton E. Rose 200	2.
Louis A. Rosafy 1.200	Total\$57
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Total.... Mrs. Harry S. Jones, jr., writes to The Star to say that she turned over to the Kreglo family Sunday the sum of \$22 she had collected in a very few hours.

A Scandal in the Senate

From the New York Times. WASHINGTON, May 10.-There appears to be danger that the hencrable the Senate

of the United States is about to be put to an improper use in spite of itself. From many conversations with Senators it is ascertained that there is a strong conviction in the Senate that the clause in the river and harbor appropriation bill providing for the improvement of Santa Monica, instead of San Pedro, as the harbor of Los Angeles, Cal., has been advanced by selfish motives and strengthened by the exercise of "forbidden and abhorrent forces," and that, do what they will, the Senators who know this feel that they will be unable to vote against the harbor which Senator White says is to be improved at the demand and for the benefit of M

Hurtington.
It is really too bad alcut the Senate This Santa Monica question begins to op-press the honorable body like a scandal. Senators who feel that they ought to have greater moral strength and who are on the point of crying alcud to be prevented from voting for a thing they are convinced is wrong go about whimpering to acquaint-ances out of the Senate that the lobbyists of the Senta Monica improvement swarm in the Senate lobbies and committee rooms, and even invade the Senate corridor and marble room, in defiance of the stiff rules of the Senate, to buttonhole Senators who have not been won to the support of Mr. Huntington's plans to get the government to spend nearly \$3,000,000 to provide him with terminal facilities for the Southern Pacific railroad, when the government engineers have reported against the improvement preferred by Mr. Huntington and in favor of San Pedro.

If Senators really were vexed by the invasion of the Senate marble room by lob-byists—all of them as familiar objects as the clock of the Senate—they know that there really is no occasion to invoke the aid of the newspapers to clear out the lobbylsts. A peremptory order to Col. Bright the serge nt-at-arms, by any one Senator would secure the exclusion for an indefinite time of lobbyists, even from the outer halls of the Serate, if it was considered desirable to so exclude them. The sergeant-at-arms is a man of nerve, and he has no fears of lebbyists.

Kipling and His Brother-in-Law. Saturday Rudyard Kipling had his broth

er-in-law. Beatty Balestier, arrested at Brattleboro, Vt., on the charge of threatening to do him personal damage. Balestler had reard it said Kipling had helped him financially, and, meeting the jungle story writer in the road, told him he would give him a week in which to deny the report, and if by that time he did not, he should proceed to whip him. Balestier was put under bonds to keep the peace, but could not furnish ball. Kipling offered to furnish the bond, but

each individual case, and made a typewrit-ten abstract thereof, thus reducing that Ripling offered to furnish the bond, but Balestier refused.

Beatty has been a sort of pet of the Balestier family, and there is reason for saying that Rudyard Kipling has also been exceedingly kind to the young man. Well-authenticated reports say that Mr. Kipling has assisted his brother-in-law to the extent of \$1500 and perhaps to a considerable. pay to the several parties mentioned the tent of \$1,500, and perhaps to a considerable

Kipling has frown in popular favor in Kipling has grown in popular favor in Brattleboro. The ill-feeling excited by his earliest syndicated newspaper story from that section, describing some of the peculiarities of the villagers, has worn away, and he is now widely respected. On the other hand, Kibling has been taught by his knowledge of men to respect hundreds of the peculiarities. these three cases, believing their deaths to have been caused by the disaster." edge of men to respect hundreds of the peo-ple of Brattleboro, who have the sturdy vir-

number 105, and the death claims in all adjudicated aggregate 24, making a total of 129 claims settled by the commission.

been chosen as the proper amount to pay His Trial Will Take Place Next for total disability as well as death.

COUNSEL TO BE ASSIGNED

Trying to Fasten Other Crimes on Elsie Kreglo's Murderer.

HE MEETS HIS WIFE

As predicted in The Star of Friday last would be the case, Irving Ford, the negro brute who killed Elsie M. A. Kreglo last Monday afternoon, was this afternoon indicted for the murder, and then arraigned immediately before Judge Cole, in Criminal Court No. 1, before whom he will be tried next Monday.

The prisoner pleaded guilty, but as indicated in The Star Saturday, Judge Cole refused to accept the plea, directing the clerk to enter a plea of not guilty. The judge also informed Ford that he would later in the day assign him one or more counsel, and then at the suggestion of District Attorney Birney, Judge Cole set the case down for trial before him on Monday next.

The witnesses in the case, including Mayor Burleigh of Harper's Ferry, the man who captured Ford; the members of the Kreglo family, Detectives Weedon and Horne, and several others, were examined by the grand jury early in the day, and an ndictment was soon agreed upon.

The news of the return of the indictment, which was presented in court shortly after o'clock, soon spread about the city hall, and when Ford, escorted by four or five bailiffs, was brought into the court room about 2:25 o'clock, a dozen or so spectators were present.

clerk Smith at once read the indictment and at its conclusion asked: "How say you, Ford, are you guilty or not guilty?"

The wretch hesitated for a moment, and then, with a sigh, exclaimed: "Well, boss, I'm guilty."

"In view of the gravity of the charge, your honor," said District Attorney Birney, "I suggest that a plea of not guilty ney, "I suggest that a plea of not guilty be entered."
"Yes," replied Judge Cole, "I would prefer not to impose sentence on such a plea and charge, and the clerk will enter a plea

and charge, and the clerk will enter a plea of not guilty.

That was done, and then Judge Cole said he would assign counsel to defend Ford, who stated that he had no lawyer.

Mr. Birney asked the court to set the case down for trial before him Monday morning next. "I see no reason why the case should not be tried then, and the case will be tried that day" realign the judge. will be tried that day," replied the judge. Ford was taken back to jail, and Judge Cole sent for Attorney Joseph Shillington, asking him to defend Ford. Mr. Shillington promised to give a definite answer tomorrow morning. He will likely take the assignment because of his regard for the court's wishes, and Attorney Phillip Wal-

ker will also probably be asked to assist in the man's defense.

The detectives have by no means abandoned the idea that Irving Ford, the con-fessed murderer of Elsie Kreglo, is also the slayer of John Wesley Hall, the colored shoemaker who was so brutally murdered in his shop on the 7th of last month, but they are still endeavoring to ascertain whether or not Ford actually committed that crime. So far as Ford is concerned, he has made an emphatic denial that he was in any manner implicated in the hor-rible affair, in which robbery may have been the motive. There is an old silve watch missing from the shop of the hunch back hoemaker, but the watch found where Ford had disposed of it proved to be a timepiece other than that taken from Hall's shop. Mr. Prather, an essociate of Hall, saw the watch at police headquarters, and he was positive that it had never belonged to his friend, who was so foully dealt with. Ford's denial of this crime did commit it, for he had made several denials of the Kroglo murder before he finally con-cluded to confess, and then he had to make several efforts before the full story was

When it was first suspected that Ford may have committed this other murder he was questioned about the watch and said he had bought it from some unknown man for 50 cents. This in itself seemed a little doubtful, but Ford insisted that it was in this way that he had gotten the time-piece, which he afterward traded for a rifle. The prisoner even went so far as to deny that he knew or had ever heard of Hall or knew of such a murder having been committed. But during the course of the investigation Detectives Horne and Weedon learned from M. J. Boteler, on whose farm the Fords lived, that he (Ford) had told him of the murder, and said he could have seen the dead man, but he did

ot like to look at dead bodies. When confronted with this statement later on Ford changed his story and admitted that he not only knew of the murmitted that he not only knew of the murder, but he also knew Hall and had been
in his shop. At the time of the murder he
(Ford) was living at the home of his sister, Mrs. Walker, on 12th street, only
about three squares from where Hall was
murdered. He does not give a good account of his whereabouts on the night of
the Hall murder

the Hall murder. What the officers regard as a suspicious circumstance in this investigation is the fact that the light trousers, which Ford wore at the time of his arrest had a num-ber of blood stains upon them. These trousers he did not wear when he com-mitted the Kreglo crime, and the blood stains on them were dry as if they had been there for some time. How he got these stains on the trousers he has not yet explained. Thus far the officers are able to locate him not far from the scene of the Hall murder the night the crime was committed. They have the blood-stained trousers and his conflicting stories.

Meets His Wife.

Mrs. Lizzie Ford, the prisoner's wife, came in from her home in the country this morning, and called at the jail to see her husband. The meeting was not particularly affecting.
Lizzle had her fourteen-months-old baby
with her, and Mrs. Walker, the prisoner's sister, was also with her. He was glad to see Lizzle and the baby, but the meeting did not cause him to shed any tears. He was mere anxious about his personal comfort just at that time than he was about the wife and child about whom he has pretended to care so much since his arrest.

The wife was much more affected than was her husband. She seemed to overlook the terrible deed and his unfaithfulness to her, and talked to tim as she had talked before he got in the trouble which will no doubt be his last trouble on this earth.
"I want some clothes," he said to her.
"These don't look nice." And, in addition to

exhibiting his vanity in this way, he also asked for one of the pictures the officer had taken of him. He feared the picture would not do him justice, for when it was taken, he said to his wife, he was not himself, but was very much worried. And for fear the photograph is not a good one, he is desirous of having another sitting. He wants one taken when he looks better, was what his wife said to the officers.

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During the interview between husband and wife the former told of the visit of the police in connection with the watch, and said he thought they were endeavoring to put that crime upon him. He told her that he was innocent of that crime, and said he had confessed to all he had really done he had confessed to all he had really done he had confessed to all ne had really done, and he didn't want anything put on him that he had not done. When she left the jail he asked her to call again, and she says she will return later in the week.

The officers questioned her in the city hall the says the says as about the murder of Hall, but she said she thought he was innocent of that murder. If he had committed it, she said, he had never told her about it, and she was unable to account for the blood stains on the light trousers. She repeated to the officers the claim that she knew nothing of the murder of Miss Kreglo until the officers came to the house, and not until her visit to the jail today did he tell her that

tion from the police today that Ford had killed a man in North Carolina before he came here. This information came from Walter Ford, a brother of the prisoner. Waiter Ford, a brother of the prisoner. He is at present confined in the reform school, and it is said that his mind is not exactly right. The prisoner's wife when told of this statement said she had never heard of it before. If he killed anybody in North Carolina it was before she married him.

Another Charge.

he had committed the crime.

DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

Adverse Report. Adverse report is made by the Commis sioners upon the proposed amendment to House bill 5210, which proposese the repayment of one-half of the amount paid by persons who have had artificial stone or

granolithic pavements made in front of their premis Railronds Complained Of.

Commissioners today the Commissioners

gave an audience to the railroad committee of the South Washington Citizens' Association. The committee presented two grievances. First, it wanted to know why the Anacostia railroad had abandoned that part of its route between 2d street and the 7th street wharf. For several months not a car had been run over this part of the route, and the patrons of the road were much inconvenienced thereby. The route was an important one, said the citizens, and there was no good reason why President Griswold should be allowed to violate his charter obligations. The Commissioners replied that they had sought by the passage of a bill to get authority to en-force charter obligations, but the bill up to this time had failed to become a law. With this bill a law, it would be an easy task for the authorities to impose fines for violations of charters, and compel the rail-roads to live up to their charters more

The committee then called attention to the practice of the Pennsylvania railroad in switching its trains and cars on Virginia evenue to the detriment of the public crossing the tracks. Virginia avenue at 1/2 street was constantly blocked by shiftng trains, and it was no unusual sight to see twenty-five teams waiting to get across. This constant shifting of trains was a great nuisance. The through trains made no delays. no delays. It took them scarcely half a minute to pass that street. It was the shifting from one track to another and the making up of trains that caused the nul-

sance.
The Commissioners promised to look into the matter and communicate with the rail-road people to see if anything could be done to remedy the nuisance. The committee was composed of J. B. Prout, chairman, and Andrew Archie.

LIVED WITHOUT A BRAIN.

Human Paradox Who Has Been a Mystery to Physicians. From the Wilkesbarre Record.

A Williamsport man has surprised the scientists by living for years without a brain. John Bly, aged twenty years, who dled recently, had suffered for a long time with a tumor, which grew into the very base of the brain and occasioned his death. The growth had a visible effect upon his brain, and the case became a curiosity to the medical profession. The tumor was imbedded too deeply into the brain tissue to admit of an operation. It was found that the tumor was nearly as large as a billiard ball. It was so located as to demoralize the nerves of the sight center, and, as a consequence, young Bly was blind for over

It was developed at the autopsy that the entire brain had been hollowed out by the action of the tumor. The cavity was at least five inches in length and was filled with pus. All that was left of the brain was a thin shell, composed of the tougher tissues, which were less susceptible to the process of decay. When an incision was nade in the shell the whole mass collapsed. The circumstance which made the case almost unprecedented in the annals of medical science was the manner in which the patient retained his rationality and faculties under the circumstances. He had the senses of touch, taste, hearing and smell, had very tolerable control of his locomotor muscles, could talk, and, in fact, was comparatively discommoded in no other way than by the loss of vision. His retention of memory was remarkable. He was able to memorize poems up to within two weeks of his death.

MOUSE IN A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE. lle Created Considerable Excitement Before He Was Captured.

rom the San Francisco Examiner.

A plain, ordinary, mischievous mouse had more fun with the telephone service of the city and the Sunset connections for about ten minutes last night than could have been bought for heaps of nickels. The young ladies who answer hellos and make wrong switches did not recover their composure for some time.

The mouse first peeped through a crack under the switchboard in the Sunset room. His little black, beady eyes glittered mischievously for a moment and then he started on a scamper across the room. He had only gone a few feet when there was a screech from the young lady nearest him. The girl next to her took up the scream and made a rush for the man-

The other girls, one by one, joined in the chorus and sought places beyond the reach of the frightened animal. The bells went unheeded, and in the midst of the excitement the janitor rushed to the rescue. At his appearance the mouse fied.

For a few moments all was serene again,

and then came a scream from one of the young ladies at the local switchboard. In a few seconds the score or so of girls in that room were screaming in chorus and balancing themselves on convenient perch-es. The mouse in its excitement sought a place of refuge in a corner, and there the janitor had it at his mercy. As its body was carried out the girls resumed their places, but the answering hellos had an echo of the scream in them for over an hour.

A Maine Samson.

From the Lewiston Journal. Bar Harbor, the home of the famous

bull wrestler, has produced another Samson, Dr. F. C. Ames, who has been enter -. taining the Bangor folks with such feats as bending gas pipe and iron bars, and finally wound up the exhibition by lifting three men, whose combined weight was 525 pounds, and walking about the room with them as easily as an ordinary man would carry a basket of feathers. The heaviest of them, weighing 230 pounds, was perched on his shoulders, while he carried the other two, weighing 145 and 150, respectively, in his arms.

In the Penobscot exchange he lifted a load of 500 pounds and carried it around the room with ease. This feat was wit-nessed by several well-known men. Last winter in Bar Harbor he lifted a load of 775 pounds. The most remarkable feature of this physical wonder is that Dr. Ames was a weak man and a wreck from disease ten years ago, but by dint of careful training he has developed his muscles and body, until today he is a perfect giant. Therein is how he beats Sandow and the other

giants of these days. Grain and Cotton Markets. Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., 1421 F

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9	Sept		6517	63%	63%
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	Sept	. 31%	315	3114-	
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d	Sept	2017	20%	1944.	
e	Pork-July	7.62	7.70	7.57	7.60
d	Sept		7.87	7.72	7.77
0	Lard-July		4.62	4.57	4.62
it	Sept	4.75	4.77	4.72	
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16	July	7.98	8.12	7.96	8.12
	August	8.00	8.13	7.99	8.13
11	September	7.46	7.64	7.48	7.54
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Inspector Hollinberger received informa-

FINANCE AND TRADE

Fears of Trouble With Spain Depress Values.

At the morning session of the board of

MODERATE SELLING BY LONDON

Political Outlook to Be More Prom-

inent in Speculation.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NEW YORK, May 11 .- Values were unfavorably influenced this morning by fears of complications with Spain growing out of the findings of the court-martial in the case of the recently captured crew of the Competitor. London sold moderately on this account, and inspired a similar movement on the part of the local room element.

Concessions ranging from 1/2 to 1 per cent resulted from the first hour's trading, but were regained on the announcement that the matters in dispute would be diverted into diplomatic channels, thus eliminating all fears of hasty action on the part of the Spanish authorities.

The political outlook is not being urged as a factor, as was the case last week, but is not likely to remain long in the background. The money plank of the new platform will be awaited with more than usual interest in financial circles and will find immediate reflection in values. Belief in a strong indorsement of sound money, once the nomination is secure, is doing much to

overcome the silver attitude adopted for the benefit of western delegates. The engagement of over two millions gold for export by tomorrow's steamers and the probable continuation of the outflow during the week prevented any important undertakings in the long account. Foreign houses predicted a decrease in shipments by comparison with the move-

ment of the last ten days, but the later demand for coin makes the fulfillment of this prophecy doubtful. The trading element is alone affected by gold shipments at this season of the year. The movement is too well recognized as an incident of the season to force liquidation by investors. Rumors of an agreement to adjourn Congress on the 5th of June were favorably received, the industrial list in particular leing responsive to this desirable intelli-The volume of business is unim-

proved, and there is little indication of any immediate extension of the demand. The period between now and the middle of June is likely to be marked by a series of professional movements based on rumors relative to the many important matters now on the verge of settlement. While the final result seems to be assured, the narrowness of the present market makes it essible to force fractional profits from oth accounts.

The railroad list, particularly the Granger

shares, attracts moderate buying on conces-

sions, but, unfortunately for the stability of prices, such purchases are mainly specu-lative. The industrial list holds remarkably well, considering the character of the gen-eral market, and there is apparently no abatement of confidence in a resumption of the upward movement in the rear future.

There is very little in the present situation to invite participation on the part of the general public, and until this condition is changed nothing important is likely to develop. The demand for money for busi-ness purposes is encouraging, and promises to extend to speculation later on. Commis-sion houses believe the actual adjourn-ment of Congress to be a necessary condition precedent to a return of public interest in speculation. Narrowness is, therefore, likely to prevail during the balance of the month, and fractional changes will in all probability mark the extent of the daily fluctuations. During this time the long ac-

count seems likely to be least favored. FINANCIAL AND COMMERICIAL

The following are the opening, the highest and the lowest and the closing prices of the New York stock market today, as reported by Corson & Macartney, members New York steck exchange. Correspondents Moore & Schley, No. 80 Broadway. Correspondents Messis.

Open. High. Low.

1	American Sugar	123	123	1221	125
Į	American Sugar, Pfd	103	108	108	103
١	American Tobacco	64	65%	64	6
١	American Cotton Oil	13%	13%	1334	11
ì	Atchison	14%	1436	145	1
ı	Balto. & Ohio	17%	1736	7.7	13
į	Canada Southern	50%	50%	504	5
1	Canada Pacific	****	2000	*****	100
1	Chesapeake & Ohlo	1634	16%	1634	11
1	C., C., C. & St. L	343	343	BBL	3
1	Chicago, B. & Q	79	79 %	7836	71
ì	Chic. & Northwestern	10434	1043	104	10
I	Chicago Gas, Cfs	6836	6836	67 %	6
1	C. M. & St. Paul	7736	7734	763	
į	C. M. & St. Paul, Pfd	128	128	127	12
1	Chic., R. I & Pacific	6974	70%	6936	(6)
j	Del., Lack. & W	161	1613	1613	16
1	Delaware & Hudson	126	126	126	12
	Den. & R. Grande, Pfd.	47%	47%	47	4
	Dis. & Cattle Feeding	18	18%	17%	1
	General Electric	3436	3434	844	8
)	Illinois Central				
	Lake Shore	149%	149%	149%	14
	Erie	1434	143	14%	1
	Louisville & Nashville	491	49%	483	4
	Long Island Traction			-	
	Metropolitan Traction	107%	107%	107%	10
	Manhattan Elevated	1073	:073	10636	10
j	Michigan Central	95	95	941	9
1	Missouri Pacific	25%	2536	24 %	2
Ì	National Lead Co				
Ì	National Lead Co., Pfd.				
1	U. S. Leather, Pfd	631	643	68 %	6
Ì	New Jersey Central	97	10534	105	10
ı	New York Central		97	97	9
1	N Y. & N. Eng. Cfs	34993	100000	1000000	10.00
1	N. Y. C. & St. Louis		10000		
	Northern Pacific	%	24	%	100
1	Northern Pacific, Pfd	121/	123	1234	1
j	North American	536	536	534	- 1
Ì	Ont. & Western	143	145	141	1
1	Pacific Mail				
j	Phila. & Reading	11%	3134	1196	1
1	Pullman Pal. Car Co	159	159	159	15
Ì	Southern Railway, Pfd	29	294	29	525
1	Phila. Traction	723		72	7
ı	Texas Pacific				
ı	Tenn. Coal & Iron	28%	2834	27%	2
ĺ	Union Pacific	737	734	734	-
ı	Wabash	634	- 1	63	-
J	Wabash, Pfd	1714	1734	1734	1
1	Wheeling & L. Erie	94	97	994	- 1
ı	Wheeling & L. Erie, Pfd	-76		0.74	
ı	Western Union Tel	85%	85%	85%	8
1	CONTRACTOR ACTIONS	63677	5797	1267 78	101

---Washington Stock Exchange.

Sales—regular call—12 o'clock m.—D. C. 3.65a, \$600 at 100. Metropolitan Bailroad, 10 at 118%. District Title, 5 at 10%, Mergenthaler Linotype, 10 at 129; 10 at 129; 25 at 123. Government Bonds.—U. S. 4s, registered, 108% bid, 100% asked. U. S. 3s, coupon, 100% bid. U. S. 4s, 1925, 117 bid. U. S. 5s, 1904, 112½ bid. District of Columbia Bonds.—20-year fund 6s, 103 bid. 3e-year fund 6s, 20-year fund 6s, 103 bid. 3e-year fund 6s, 20-year fund 6s, 103 bid. 3e-year fund 6s, 20-year fund 6s, 103 bid. 3e-year fund 6s, 104 Water stock 7s, 1901, currency, 110 bid. Water stock 7s, 1902, currency, 112 bid. 365s, funding, currency, 106 bid, 110 asked.

Miscellaneous Bonds.—Metropolitan Railroad 6a, 107 bid, 100% asked. Metropolitan Railroad 6a, 107 bid, 100% asked. Belt Bailroad 5s, 80 bid. 85 asked. Eckington Railroad 6s, 109 bid, 106 asked. Columbia Railroad 6s, 113 bid, 11445 asked. Washington Gas Company 6s, series A, 110 bid, 112 asked. Washington Gas Company 6s, series B, 112 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series B, 112 bid. Washington Gas Company 6s, series B, 100 bid. Washington Gas Company 7s, 120 bid. Cheapeake and Potomac Telephone 5s, 100 bid. 104 asked. American Security and Trust 5s, A, and 0., 100 bid. Washington Market Company 1mp, 6a, 108 bid. Washington Light Infantry 1st 6s, 100 bid. Washington Loga 1st 6s, 100 bid. Washington Loga 1st 6s, 100 bid. Washington L BALTIMORE, May 11.—Fiour dull, unchanged—receipts, 8,254 barrels; sales, 150 barrels. Wheat dull and lower—spot, 694; month, 68458%; June and July, 68a68%—receipts, 43,538 bushels; stock, 315,176 bushels—southern wheat by sample, 72a73; do. on grade, 68a72. Corn easy—spot and month, 3345a35; June, 3345a35; June, 3345a35; June, 3345a35; June, 3345a35; July, 3354a355; steamer mixed, 3345a25%—receipts, 75,186 bushels; stock, 823,322 bushels; sales, 44,000 bushels—southern white corn, 35; do. yellow, 35a354. Oats firm—No. 2 white western, 255a26; No. 2 mixed do. 244; bid—receipts, 16,513 bushels; stock, 120,803 bushels. Hay quilet but firm—No. 2, 41a42 nearby; 43a 44 western—receipts, 16,513 bushels; stock, 120,803 bushels. Hay quilet but steady—choice timothy, \$17,00a\$17.50. Grain freights quiet—steam to Liverpool per bushel, 24.a24d, June; Cork for orders per quarter, 28.74d. May, 2.89d. June. Sugar steady—granulated, 5.45 per 100 pounds. Butter firm—fancy creamery, 16a17; do. imitation, 13a14; do. ladle, 12; good ladle, 10a11; store packed, Saito, 104a11. Whisky, 1.30a1.31 per gallon for finished goods in car loads; 1.31a1.82 per gallon for finished goods in car loads; 1.31a1.82 per gallon for finished goods in car loads; 1.31a1.82 per gallon for finished goods in car loads; 1.31a1.82 per gallon for finished goods in car loads; 1.31a1.82 per gallon for finished goods in car loads; 1.31a1.82 per gallon for jobbing lets.